

**SHAFFER & CULBERTSON, L.L.P.****ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
SPECIALIZING IN PATENT, TRADEMARK,  
COPYRIGHT AND TRADE SECRET LAW**scfirst@bga.com  
VOICE 512-327-8932  
FAX 512-327-26651250 CAPITAL OF TEXAS HWY SOUTH  
BUILDING ONE, SUITE 360  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78746**CONFIDENTIAL  
TELECOPY MESSAGE**

---

|               |                              |                        |                         |
|---------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| TO:           | Examiner Cindy Nguyen        | DATE:                  | July 16, 2003           |
| FROM:         | Russell D. Culbertson        | PAGES INCLUDING COVER: | 12                      |
| RE:           | Response to Office Action    | FAX NO.:               | 1-703-746-7239          |
| OUR FILE NO.: | 10003993-1 (114-1070) (2300) | CLIENT:                | Hewlett Packard Company |

---

**MESSAGE:****RE: SERIAL NO. 09/819,265  
GROUP ART UNIT: 2171****RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION****MAILED APRIL 16, 2003****PLEASE DELIVER DIRECTLY TO****EXAMINER CINDY NGUYEN**

Thank you.

\*\*\*\*\*

**CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE**

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FACSIMILE MESSAGE AND ANY DOCUMENTS TRANSMITTED MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND IS CONFIDENTIAL, INTENDED ONLY FOR THE USE OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY NAMED ABOVE. IF THE READER OF THIS MESSAGE IS NOT THE INTENDED RECIPIENT, OR THE EMPLOYEE OR AGENT RESPONSIBLE TO DELIVER IT TO THE INTENDED RECIPIENT, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT ANY DISSEMINATION, DISTRIBUTION, OR COPYING OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS TRANSMISSION IN ERROR, PLEASE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY US BY COLLECT TELEPHONE CALL TO ARRANGE FOR THE RETURN OF THE DOCUMENTS.

\*\*\*\*\*

Please call (512) 327-8932 if the telecopy you receive is incomplet or illegible.

HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY  
Intellectual Property Administration  
P. O. Box 272400  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80527-2400

## PATENT APPLICATION

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 10003993-1

IN THE  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Douglas L. Voigt

Confirmation No.:

Application No.: 09/819,265

Examiner: C. Nguyen

Filing Date: March 27, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2171

Title: Method and Apparatus for Providing File System Access to a Disk Array

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment ( ) Petition to extend time to respond  
( ) New fee as calculated below ( ) Supplemental Declaration  
( ) No additional fee (Address envelope to "Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment")  
( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY       |  |                        |  |                         |             |                           |
|--|--|------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| (1)<br>FOR   | (2)<br>CLAIMS REMAINING<br>AFTER AMENDMENT | (3)<br>NUMBER<br>EXTRA | (4)<br>HIGHEST NUMBER<br>PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | (5)<br>PRESENT<br>EXTRA | (6)<br>RATE | (7)<br>ADDITIONAL<br>FEES |
| TOTAL<br>CLAIMS                                      |  | MINUS                  |  | = 0                     | X \$18      | \$ 0                      |
| INDEP.<br>CLAIMS                                     |  | MINUS                  |  | = 0                     | X \$84      | \$ 0                      |
| [ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM |  |                        |  |                         | + \$280     | \$ 0                      |
| EXTENSION<br>FEE                                     | 1ST MONTH<br>\$110.00                      | 2ND MONTH<br>\$410.00  | 3RD MONTH<br>\$930.00                        | 4TH MONTH<br>\$1450.00  |             | \$ 0                      |
| OTHER FEES   |  |                        |  |                         |             | \$                        |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT              |  |                        |  |                         |             | \$ 0                      |

Charge \$ 0 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, 1.19, 1.20 and 1.21. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas L. Voigt

(X) I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted  
to the Patent and Trademark Office facsimile  
number (703) 746-7239 on July 16, 2003  
Number of pages: 12

Typed Name: Russell D. Culbertson

Signature: By 

Russell D. Culbertson

Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s)  
Reg. No. 32,124

Date: July 16, 2003